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**PRIORITY CLAIM AND SUBMISSION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 USC 119 from **Japanese** patent application number **8-285669** filed **October 28, 1996**. A certified copy of the priority document was submitted and acknowledged in the parent application 08/863,500, now US patent 6,094,419.

It is respectfully requested the documents submitted and acknowledged in the parent be accepted in the present application and that priority and disposition of the priority documents in the present application be acknowledged.

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